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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

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DECISION
[REDACTED]
BCS/169085

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed September 28, 2015, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5)(a), to review a decision by the Oconto County Department of Health And Human Services in regard to Medical Assistance, a telephonic hearing was held on November 03, 2015, at Oconto, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether the county agency correctly discontinued the petitioner's BadgerCare Plus eligibility effective October 1, 2015, due to household income above the 100% MAGI income limit of \$980.83 for a group of one.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: [REDACTED], ESS

Oconto County Department of Health And Human Services
501 Park Avenue
Oconto, WI 54153-1612

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Gary M. Wolkstein
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of Oconto County who resides in a household of one.
2. The petitioner received BadgerCare (BC) Plus benefits for a household of one.

3. On or about September 12, 2015, the county agency discovered that petitioner began receiving Unemployment Compensation (UC) weekly benefits of \$281 as of August 11, 2015. See Exhibit ½.
4. As of August, 2015, the petitioner's monthly UC benefits are \$1,124.00 (\$281 x 4 = \$1,124.00) for BC eligibility purposes. See Exhibit 1.
5. The county agency sent a September 14, 2015 Notice of Decision to the petitioner stating that effective October 1, 2015 his BadgerCare (BC) Plus eligibility would discontinue due to income above the 100% FPL of \$980.83 for a household of one per BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook, 16.1.1, "Income Limits. That BC discontinuance was due to budgeting the petitioner's new unemployment compensation (UC) unearned income which began during August, 2015. See Exhibit 1.

DISCUSSION

BadgerCare Plus is a Wisconsin variant of the MA program, for non-elderly, non-disabled Wisconsin residents. The program's nonfinancial eligibility standards were broadened effective April 1, 2014, to include adults who do not have minor children in their home. Wis. Stat. § 49.45(23); 2013 Wisconsin Act 116, § 29, for effective date; *BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook (BCPEH)*, § 2.1, online at <http://www.emhandbooks.wisconsin.gov/bcplus/bcplus.htm> (viewed in March 2014). The petitioner meets the nonfinancial eligibility tests for the program.

The petitioner must also pass an income test. An eligible applicant cannot have adjusted gross income exceeding 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Wis. Stat. § 49.45(23)(a); *BCPEH*, § 16.1. The 100% FPL amount is \$980.83 monthly for a household of one in 2015. *Id.*, § 50.1.

The Department has correctly counted the petitioner's monthly unearned UC income of \$1,124. The petitioner did not dispute the Unemployment Compensation unearned income amount budgeted for himself. However, petitioner explained that he needs continued BadgerCare health insurance coverage. From gross income, the Department is allowed to subtract only those income tax deductions listed on lines #16 - #19 of the federal 1040A tax return, subject to modifications listed at 42 C.F.R. § 435.603(e). The petitioner was unable to identify any of these adjusted gross income deductions as being applicable in this case. The petitioner was unable to refute that his countable household income does exceed 100% FPL for a household of one person. Accordingly, based upon the above, I must conclude that the county agency correctly discontinued the petitioner's BadgerCare Plus eligibility effective October 1, 2015, due to household income above the 100% MAGI income limit of \$980.83 for a group of one.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The petitioner's household income does exceed the relevant 100% MAGI FPL limit for BCP eligibility for a household of one.
2. The county agency correctly discontinued the petitioner's BadgerCare Plus eligibility effective October 1, 2015, due to household income above the 100% MAGI income limit of \$980.83 for a group of one.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

The petition for review herein be and the same is hereby Dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST" **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 27th day of November, 2015

\sGary M. Wolkstein
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on November 27, 2015.

Oconto County Department of Health And Human Services
Division of Health Care Access and Accountability